GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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RISE IN PRICES OF CEMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of cement has increased in recent times in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to control the rise in the prices of cement; and

(d) the extent to which the Government has been able to contain rise in prices of cement?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (d): The all India average retail sale price of cement has largely been stable showing a modest increase of 7.23% only from June, 2008 to June, 2009 due to steady growth in demand.In fact, the prices of cement have a tendency to increase in the first quarter of the financial year due to enhanced pre-monsoon construction activities in the country.The prices are likely to further stabilize during the monsoon period due to slow down in construction activities and addition of fresh capacities.